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## **FORMER KC MAN SENTENCED FOR PASSING COUNTERFEIT CHECKS**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a former Kansas City man was sentenced in federal court today for passing counterfeit checks.

**Darryl D. Minor**, 30, of Houston, Texas, formerly of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to two years and four months in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Minor** to pay \$28,710 in restitution.

On Aug. 30, 2004, **Minor** pleaded guilty to passing counterfeit and forged cashier's checks on three separate occasions – in the amount of \$4,000 on April 4, 2001; in the amount of \$25,000 on April 11, 2001; and in the amount of \$3,500 on April 12, 2001.

The counterfeit checks were passed in order to obtain a 4.5 carat lady's diamond ring for \$4,000, a 1995 black four-door Mercedes Benz S-320 for \$25,000, and a second ring for \$3,500, each from Kansas City area victims. Each of the items was listed for sale in the *Kansas City Star's* classified section. **Minor** contacted the seller of each item and used the counterfeit checks to purchase the rings and vehicle, Graves said.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Frances Reddis. It was investigated by the United States Secret Service.

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